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SUBJ: WASHINGTON VISIT OF OSAMA AL BAZ

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1. ALTHOUGH AL BAZ DID NOT HIMSELF INFORM US OF HIS INTENDED TRIP TO US, WE HAD HEARD ABOUT IT THROUGH CHIEF OF PROTOCOL. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS TRIP IS ENTIRELY PRIVATE. WE CAN ONLY ASSUME AL BAZ' RETICENCE WAS DUE TO CONCERN ABOUT HIS CHOLESTERAL PROBLEM. WE DID NOT KNOW DEPT WAS BEING ASKED TO ARRANGE HIS HOSPITALIZATION.

2. AL BAZ IS FRIENDLY AND WELL DISPOSED, BUT IS NOT A PARTICULARLY RELIABLE GOE OFFICIAL. NEVERTHELESS, IN VIEW OF HIS POSITION, WE BELIEVE A MEETING WITH ASST SECRETARY ATHERTON OR DEPUTY ASST SECRETARY DAY WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. SINCE AL BAZ IS NOT THE MOST RELIABLE REPORTER, WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT ANY SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS MADE TO HIM BE OF A GENERAL RATHER THAN SPECIFIC NATURE.

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